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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the application filed on March 3, 2003, in which claims 1-13 are presented for examination.

Priority

2. Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is acknowledged. The provisional application upon which priority is claimed has been considered as to the merits.

Drawings

3. Applicants are required to furnish the formal drawings in response to this office action if the formal drawings have not been submitted. No new matter may be introduced in the required drawings. Failure to timely submit a drawing will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 6, line 9, please delete "and" before "making". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

6. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walters et al., (hereinafter "Walters") US Patent no. 6,914,495.

As to claim 1, Walters discloses the claimed "a computer having a memory" (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1- 8 and lines 40-51); "a portable memory device reader, communicatively connected to the computer and being selectively coupleable to the portable memory device" (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1-18); "an image transfer module, connected to the portable memory device reader and configured to detect the coupling of the portable memory device to said reader and to copy the digital image from the portable memory device to the computer memory, by way of said reader" (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines

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38-62; col.10, lines 53-67; col.11, lines 5-13); “a file uploader module, communicatively connected to the image transfer module and configured to send the digital image to the online server, connected to the computer network” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.11, lines 39-48); and “the online server, being selectively connected to the file uploader module and being configured to automatically accept, store and make available over the computer network the digital image” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 5-22).

As to claim 2, Walters discloses the claimed “a billing and provisioning system, connected to the online server and including a relational database, the billing and provisioning system being configured to store user accounts in the database” (col.8, lines 11-22, lines 38-50).

As to claim 3, Walters discloses the claimed wherein the online server includes one or more albums, each album being associated with a single user, and wherein at least one album includes a folder” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

As to claim 4, Walters discloses the claimed “an album tools module which allows a user to manipulate, delete, and create folders in an album that is associated with the user” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

As to claim 5, Walters discloses the claimed “wherein each folder possesses distinct privacy settings” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.11, lines 39-48).

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As to claim 6, Walters discloses the claimed “inserting the portable memory device into a portable memory device reader” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1- 8 and lines 40-51); “reading the image at the portable memory device” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1- 8 and lines 40-51); “copying the image to computer memory using an image transfer module, residing on a local computer connected to the network” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.10, lines 53-67; col.11, lines 5-13); “sending the image over a computer network to an online photo album server by a file uploader module”(col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.11, lines 39-48); and “making the image available over the computer network by the online photo album server” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 5-22).

As to claim 7, Walters discloses the claimed “creating a photo album in the online server by a user” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

As to claim 8, Walters discloses the claimed “placing the image in the photo album” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.10, lines 53-67; col.11, lines 5-13).

As to claim 9, Walters discloses the claimed “deleting a photo album” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

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As to claim 10, Walters discloses the claimed “a computer having a memory” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1-8 and lines 40-51); “an electronic device, communicatively connected to the computer and being capable of storing digital images” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 64-67; col.10, lines 1-18); “an image transfer module, connected to the electronic device and configured to detect the presence of stored digital images in the electronic device and to copy the digital images from the electronic device to the computer memory, by way of said reader” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.10, lines 53-67; col.11, lines 5-13); “a tile uploader module, communicatively connected to the image transfer module and configured to send the digital image to the online server, connected to the computer network” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.11, lines 39-48); and “the online server, being selectively connected to the file uploader module and being configured to automatically accept, store and make available over the computer network the digital image” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.9, lines 5-22).

As to claim 11, Walters discloses the claimed “wherein the online server includes one or more albums, each album being associated with a single user, and wherein at least one album includes a folder” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

As to claim 12, Walters discloses the claimed “an album tools module which allows a user to manipulate, delete, and create folders in an album that is associated with the user” (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62).

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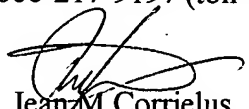
As to claim 13, Walters discloses the claimed "wherein each folder possesses distinct privacy settings" (col.7, lines 5-34, lines 56-67; col.8, lines 1-22, lines 38-62; col.11, lines 39-48).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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